Bryant Parks and Recreation
Director's Report
July 2026

Programming & Events

- Youth Pickleball Lessons finished in early July with 19 participants, marking our first youth pickleball offering. Planning is underway to grow this into a full league in Fall or Spring.
- Youth Tennis Lessons continued for the second time this summer with 19 participants; the session concludes August 6, with additional lessons planned for Fall.
- Youth Archery Lessons completed their third session in July with 10 participants, the second-highest enrollment to date. Due to strong interest, Archery will continue into the Fall.
- Upcoming Youth Programs include Youth Flag Football, Youth Archery Lessons, and a free Volleyball Skills Clinic in August.
- Adult Summer Pickleball Ladder League concluded in early July with 48 players across two divisions, the highest participation in a single league to date.
- Adult Morning Pickleball Ladder League at Mills Park continued with 15 players participating at 8:30 AM.
- Upcoming Adult Programs for Fall include additional Pickleball Leagues, Men's Basketball, 1-on-1 Basketball, and Adult Co-Ed Volleyball.
- Center Gymnasium hosted Slammin' Buckets Basketball Tournaments on July 18 and July 25.

Aquatics

- Provided a complimentary Mills Park Pool Party to Lisowe Lights for foster families in Saline County on July 14.
- Held a lifeguard in-service on July 19 at Mills Park Pool. The training focused on active rescues, passive rescues, deep water rescues and spinal injuries at the surface of the pool. The lifeguards completed the training through a competition format.
- New ADA lifts were installed at both Bishop Park Aquatic Center and Mills Park Pool.
- New timing control installed on the splash pad to control the length of time it will run.
- Free swim lessons provided to BYA at both Mills Park Pool and Bishop Aquatic Center.
- Summer swim lessons finished their final session at Mills Park Pool.
- New motor/pump was installed on Mills Park Pool after motor failure.
- Barracudas ended the season at the Meet of Champs with 38 swimmers competing in the event.
- BASS Swim Team took 9 swimmers to Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa.

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Senior Services

- Began operating under the City of Bryant; strong participation with 294 congregate clients and 1,242 meals served.
- Launched Home Delivered Meals Program serving 30 clients with 460 meals delivered.
- Socialization programs engaged 465 participants with 2,549 units of service.
- Senior Advisory Council purchased new Mahjong equipment to support growing interest.
- Senior Advisory Council purchased new flooring for the pool room and it is installed.
- Donated laptop added to support Karaoke and other social programs.
- Telephone Reassurance Program launched, providing daily calls to seven clients.
- New Facebook page reached 268 followers in its first month.
- Planning underway for September 3 Health Fair with a goal of 50 vendors.
- Evidence-based wellness programs expanding, including upcoming Walk with Ease and Drums Alive offerings.

Parks Maintenance

- Cleared overgrown grass and downed trees at property on Parkview Dr.
- Cut and cleared grass around the Bishop Park ponds (front and back).
- Delivered and installed signage for Bryant Summer Nights on July 23.
- Completed mowing and trimming across multiple park areas and parks properties.
- Performed routine grounds cleanup and debris removal throughout the month.
- Restored picnic table from City Hall to be repurposed for Parks use.
- Removed storm damaged shade fabrics from Bishop Park fields. Insurance claim has been filed.
- Construction began on Alcoa to Mills Park Connector Trail and will continue through the month of August.
- Construction began on the new basketball court at Mills Park and should be completed by the end of August.

Parks Administration

- Parks Director Keith Cox graduated from Community Development Institute on July 31 after completing the three-year program broadening knowledge of community development and strengthening the ability to connect parks initiatives into long-term economic growth for the City of Bryant.